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THE MEXICO FAIR.

A Visitor Has a Word to Say
Regarding the Coming Ex-
hibition—A Pleasant
Drive.

George Longman, Esq., editor of the Rural World, was in Mexico last week and in his this week's paper has the following to say of his visit: We spent a day in Mexico last week and met many of those prominently identified with the forthcoming Fair. Everything looks bright and promising, is the general verdict, and nothing will be left undone either by the industrious and level-headed Secretary, J. A. Glandon, or any other officer to insure success. We drove to the Fair Grounds, more for a drive than anything else, but found the track was being put in order, and will, in the course of a couple of weeks, have its usual Fair-time appearance. No association in the State is better furnished with stalls and stables, or indeed with better accommodations for stock or stockmen.

In the afternoon quite a number of the gentlemen identified with the Fair met in the ample and beautiful parlors of the Ringo House, among them being the President of the Audrain County Fair Association, W. J. Bots; the Secretary, J. A. Glandon; the Treasurer, Hon. C. W. Lewis; Col. Green Clay and R. M. White, editor of the LEDGER, and with them discussed matters of moment connected with the coming meeting. Much was developed which will appear presently, but all tending to the one conclusion stated above. The Fair will be a great success, because all the energy of the present, all the intelligence based upon the experience of the past, and all the money necessary to run the machine, are at hand and pledged to the enterprise.

The association has suffered in the loss of Mr. R. C. Graham, who came to his death so unfortunately by an accident at Bloomington, Ill., when on his way to Chicago with stock last week. He was one of the hardest workers on the board of directors. An unpublished di- amond to the casual visitor, per- haps, but to those who knew him most and best one of the most whole-hearted, genial, manly men ever met. He was hospitable to a fault, of pure mind and heart, and no one who had experienced with him will ever forget the great big hearted grip with which he shook him by the hand.

The Ringo House is in new hands, painted, furnished and re-fitted anew, and in the hands of its new proprietor will make many friends. Mr. Lan B. Morris undertook the drive to the Fair Grounds behind his team of black geldings, and made short work of it. Talking of the team suggests the point that there are few places in the State where better ones can be found than in Mexico. Mr. Morris' horses are black, 16 hands, weigh 1,150 lbs., five years old, both by the same sire, (the saddle stallion, Black Squirrel), and most beautifully and evenly matched. They are fine steppers, well broke to drive single or double, and one a very superior saddle horse.

County Court Proceedings.
It was ordered by the Court that district No. 8, composed of school districts 2-3, and 4-52-6, be divided and school district 4-52-6 be a separate road district, known as district No. 51, and that road district No. 9, composed of school district No. 5-60-7, be a separate road district, known as district No. 50.

It was also ordered that T. J. Farrington be appointed overseer of road district No. 51, and E. W. Crane, overseer of road district No. 50.

BILLS ALLOWED.
St. Louis bridge & iron Co., bal. on Whitley bridge, \$50.00
J. W. Mason, paupers' coffins, 10.00
G. W. Adams, acct. as justice, 2.50
J. A. Guthrie, 3 days justice court, 15.00
M. C. Flynn, same and mileage, 15.00
S. E. Kendall, same, 10.00
L. T. Shottman, extra work as janitor court house, 2.50
Court adjourned to May 15.

Black Horse Co. Reunion.
May 15. A. Ricketts, Mexico, Mo., was in Washington, D. C., May 5.—My DEAR FRIEND: A meeting of the Black Horse Co. is called at my house in Warrenton, Va., on the 20th of May, the purposes of which are, first, to reorganize the old company and endeavor to keep alive the friendships, and as far as possible, the associations of the war. Secondly, to arrange to meet our comrades in Richmond on the 29th, and unite in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue of our great commander. You are cordially invited. Oblige me by extending this invitation to those to whom I have not sent postals because ignorant of their address. Your old comrade,
WILLIAM H. PAYNE.

Round trip tickets from St. Louis \$20.25.
Mrs. R. E. Lawder returned from a pleasant visit to Ohio Friday.

WEATHER SIGNALS.

Written for and published in the Denver Why.
When the sunshine is warm and the clouds have all gone
And the air is quite balmy and gay,
Then my wife puts her bonnet and shawl on
And remarks, "I'll go calling to-day."

She is scarce out of sight—only just down the street—
On her way to Mrs. Brown's or Mrs. Jones,
When each of those ladies (how strange they don't meet)
Rings my doorbell in clanging tones.

"It's too bad! How provoking! We so much regret
To find dear Mrs. B. is away; Now do tell her to come." But I know they don't fret
For so many more calls they can pay. So it's hither and thither the pretty ones flit,
And we wonder what time 'tis they stay.
Just a moment, head covered, body-smothered they sit—
"O don't go!" "Yes we have to. Good day!"

Thus on these "weather-brothers," the ladies go round,
The sure sign of a threatening storm.
And the woodchuck disgusted goes into the ground,
While the "rain-crow" is "all out of form."

And the pea-cock no longer, with clamorous squall,
Splits the air when a change has begun;
For his prophetic powers and gaudiness—all.
E'en his voice and his strut are outdone.

Neither dark-centered flag, nor the mercury's range,
Is the sign where my weather hope hangs;
"Old Prob" is a failure, but I'm sure of a change
When I see my wife curling her bangs.
Say, now; get you a wife. Old Sausage, I know,
A hygrometer made of her hair; But you take the whole woman.
She'll never fall to go when the weather is dangerously fair.

You needn't twist up your neck at the flags till it hurts,
Nor on signals and cyclones en- large;
She's a whole meteorological outfit in skirts,
And you are "the sergeant in charge."

JAMES NEWTON BASKETT.
MEXICO, MISSOURI.

Pick up a type and look at it. How insignificant it is! Simply a bit of cold, fragile metal, so small that it almost eludes the grasp. To the touch it is dull and irrespon- sive, and its delicate brightness vanishes forever with a breath. Yet there is a magical something embodied in it that clothes it with dignity and power. Its discovery marked an epoch in the world's vast history. Upon that day light dawned, intelligence began to be spread, superstitions fled and a new order of things appeared. That small, insignificant type that one might cast aside as far beneath notice had wrought a revolution! From that little, unromantic Ger- man city which gave to it birth and mean shelter, it has circled out until its influence has reached every habitable place upon the globe—touching every home, every mart of trade, and every profes- sional calling.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage is said to make more money than the President. His salary from his congregation is \$12,000 a year, while his income from the plat- form is twice that at least. Be- sides all this he gets \$10,000 from a single firm for the advance pub- lications of his sermons, and \$5,000 as editor of a religious journal, and also receives a handsome sum from his Friday evening lectures and from the royalties on his books. It pays a man like Tal- mage to be pious, and he makes those who hear or read after him pay high for all the religious comfort or consolation he gives them.

During the year 1880, 48 horses with records from 2:15 to 2:30 died, six of which were faster than 2:20. With over 800 additions, the turf is not likely to be seriously crippled by the losses of death. Bel- mont is decidedly the greatest stallion that has died during the year. Other prominent stallions which died were: Nutbourne, brother to Nutwood; Daniel Lam- bert, Don Cosack, Gideon, Gen. Stanton, Manchester and Mohican all producing sons of Hamble- ton. Among the great brood mares were Jessie Pepper, Kate Bradley, Lady Finch, Nell and Reina Victoria, which had all lived long and usefully.

How beautiful it is to see a hus- band display love and tenderness to his wife! The papers told last week of a farmer down in Pennyl- vania whose love and devotion to his better half fairly makes us ordi- nary husbands sink into insignifi- cance. His wife was sick, but this only strengthened his love for her, so he took her up carefully in his arms and carrying her out into the warm sunlight, he proceeded with her to the barn yard, where he held her tenderly while she milked three cows.—Ex.

ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE.

The Cronin Murderers in Joliet Prison Form a Conspiracy to Escape—The Attempt Frustrated.

Special Dispatch to the Ledger.
JOLIET, ILL., May 8.—A con- spiracy was discovered this morn- ing at the penitentiary in this city whereby it was intended that the Cronin murderers and others were to effect their escape. However, the conspiracy was discovered be- fore anything was accomplished. Burke and three other convicts were searched and each was found to have a large roll of money. Burke also had a bottle of whiskey and a number of other contraband articles. A letter found on Myers, one of the convicts, led to the dis- covery of the attempt at escape. It also conveyed the information that Barrett, foreman of the cooper shop in the prison, had been act- ing intermediary between the convicts and their friends outside, carrying letters, money, whiskey, delicacies, etc., to them. Barrett's buggy, upon examination, was found to contain several packages for the convicts which the prison rules strictly forbid. Barrett was dismissed from the prison service and the solitary cells were filled with convicts who were parties to the conspiracy. There has been intense excitement at the peni- tentiary all morning.

I. J. Sims' Appointments.
I will meet the citizens of Au- drain county and address them at the following times and places the time of speaking at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., at each place, and I would re- spectfully invite Mr. A. B. Medley to meet me at each place at the appointed time and divide time with me. All candidates are in- vited to attend these meetings: Macedonia school house, May 15, Piggish school house, May 16, Thompson school house, May 17, Naylor school house, May 17, at 2 p. m.
Pleasant Green school house, May 19.
Gant school house, May 20.
Union school house, May 21.
Cedar Grove school house, May 21, at 2 m.
Jackson school house, May 22.
Mexico, May 23. I. J. SIMS.

L. & M. R. R. Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Louis- iana & Missouri Railroad Co., a road running from Louisiana to Cedar City, Mo., and leased to the Alton road, was held yesterday at the Alton freight offices in this city. The following directors were elected: John J. Mitchell, R. P. Tan- sey, Arthur Lee, Elenecus Smith, John P. Ellis and Bradley D. Lee, of St. Louis, and Henry P. Ellis, of Boston. The following officers were elected: Bradley D. Lee, president; R. P. Tansey, vice- president; C. H. Foster, secretary, and F. A. Wann, assistant sec- retary. Twenty-three thousand one hundred and two votes out of 45,088 were cast.

A Big Camp-meeting.
Rev. M. L. Gray writes that "the people of Columbia and vicinity have secured 27 acres of land on which they propose to hold a large meeting every year for the promotion of Christianity. This ground is well adapted to such purposes and is entirely surround- ed by the lands of the State farm, thus giving the association com- plete control of its own affairs. The meeting will begin the first day of August and continue ten days. A number of leading men are now engaged and will furnish their best thoughts."

A Lie on Carlisle.
From the St. Louis Republic.
We are assured on unquestion- able authority that the Washington dispatch in the Globe-Democrat to the effect that ex-Speaker Carlisle was intoxicated at the funeral of Senator Beck in Washington is "a positive, unqualified lie." These are the words used by our official- ant, and it is probable that official action will be taken in a few days that will brand the defamers as they deserve.

Norton and Wanamaker.
From the St. Louis Republic.
Mr. Wanamaker must find time from his Sunday School and his breeches establishment to answer the Norton resolution of inquiry as to his illegal use of post-office in- spectors for purposes of political bossism. The "don't talk" rule may work for Quay in the Senate, but it will not work for Wana- maker against a resolution adopted by the House.

Another Horror.
Special Dispatch to the Ledger.
NEW YORK, May 8.—News was received in this city early this morning that the Chenango County poor house at Preston, this State, had burned and that seven inmates of the insane ward were cremated. No further particulars than those given have been received.

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LIQUOR HABIT.
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For sale by J. P. Lively, Drug
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PAY UP.

Those Who Dance Must Pay the Fiddler.

Saturday was the last day on which candidates were expected to pay their assessments to the County Democratic Committee. The assessments were as follows:
Congressmen.....\$15.00
Representative.....10.00
County Clerk.....10.00
County Auditor.....10.00
County Attorney.....10.00
Sheriff.....10.00
Probate Judge.....5.00
County Treasurer.....5.00
Collector.....5.00
Recorder.....5.00
Assessor.....5.00
County Court Judge.....5.00
Coroner.....2.00
Justice of the Peace.....2.00
Constable.....2.50

Butter Record Broken.
The record of the largest amount of butter ever produced by one cow in one year has been broken by Eurostima, a Jersey cow owned by D. F. Appleton, of Ipswich, Mass., who, with three days to spare, produced 94 pounds 11 ounces. The previous record was 936 pounds 13-3-4 ounces, held by Landseer's Faunce, another Jersey, owned by Dr. William Morrow, of Nashville, Tenn. These were actual churn tests. The largest 7 day record of any breed was that of Princess 2d, 45 lbs., 12-1-2 ozs. Princess 2d is a half sister to Khedive's Faunce, the dam of Upror of St. Lambert, the property of Geo. A. Morris.

Had a Good Time.
It was bedtime, and Willie was leaving the nursery.
"Come and kiss me good night."
"Yes, dearest."
"Have you all the beautiful story books you want?"
"Yes, dearest."
"And what makes Willie hap- py?"
"Well, you see, I've torn the seat out of my red velvet trousse- re, and the goat has eaten my cash, and Jakey Ogleheimer has thrown mud all over my fancy waist, and, altogether, dearest, I've got a pretty doggoned good right to feel comfortable."

He Will Do.
The Scotch ship Highlander re- ports seeing a basking shark in the Indian Ocean that was sixty-five feet long, and with a mouth large enough to take in a pork barrel, and there is no need of any other sailor trying to beat the story. The shark is long enough, and has got much enough, for any busi- ness likely to be assigned to him, there is no call for a bigger one.

None For Him.
A young man who went up to Marblehead from Boston to teach school is mysteriously missing. The trustees were all old sea cap- tains, and when he told his school- mates that a bob-stay was short for Robert-at, the captains decided that something must be done. It is believed that they have anchor- ed him to the bottom about a mile off shore.

Golden Wedding.
Michael Pollard and his wife, Margaret, of Shelbyville, Ill., cele- brated their golden wedding in that city yesterday. They are hale and vigorous, attending to their daily avocations. Eleven children and five grandchildren re- joiced over the happy event. J. M. Pollard, of this city, is one of the children.

Kiffel and Edison have proposed to build for the Chicago world's fair a tower 500 feet higher than the one in Paris, to be lighted by 1,000,000 of Mr. Edison's incan- descent lamps. They will furnish all the capital, and merely wait for the world to go ahead.

The total population of the earth is about 1,200,000,000, of which 38,214,000 die yearly, 98,480 daily, 4,020 every hour and 67 every minute. The number of births is 36,792,000 yearly, 1,000,800 daily, 4,200 every hour, an average of 76 every minute.

Wolves in Callaway.
From the Callaway Gazette.
Wolves are playing havoc with the sheep on Nine Mile Prairie. Mr. Sam Grant says he can see wolves almost any day on his farm. One is a large black wolf and one yellow one. They are smart and hard to catch.

Fair Dates.
Following are the dates of the Missouri State Fair Circuit:
PREMIUMS.
Hannibal, July 30 to Aug. 1.....\$2,000
Mexico, Aug. 5 to 9.....7,000
Mexico, Aug. 12 to 16.....8,500
Sedalia, Aug. 19 to 23.....3,815
Higginsville, Aug. 26 to 30.....2,500
Camden, September 2 to 6.....2,815
Shelbina, September 9 to 13.....3,160

Meers, B. R. Cuthron, Judge J. E. Ross and Wm. H. White ac- companied Geo. A. Morris, the ad- ministrator of the estate of R. C. Graham, deceased, out to the farm near Worcester Friday to make an appraisement of the property.

Married, in Kansas City Tues- day, May 5, Porter Swan, of this city, to Miss Katie Enright. They arrived here yesterday to spend a few days with the groom's parents.
Rev. E. K. Miller's congregation has given him a month's vacation, which the reverend gentleman will take advantage of this summer.

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